

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**HB 1353 – SB 1495**

May 13, 2009

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (008021):** Deletes the language of the original bill. Extends from July 1, 2008 to July 1, 2012 the timeframe for the Hamilton County Medical Examiner's Office to become a National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) accredited facility.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

Local Expenditures – Cost Avoidance – Exceeds \$100,000

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Local Expenditures – Cost Avoidance – Exceeds \$100,000/  
FY09-10, FY 10-11, FY 11-12**

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- According to the Hamilton County Medical Examiner's Office, autopsies are currently performed in a facility with provisional NAME accreditation. To achieve full accreditation the office would be required to implement changes such as hiring additional staff. These changes are expected to increase local expenditures at least \$100,000, beginning in FY12-13.
- Exempting the office from full accreditation in FY09-10, FY10-11, and FY11-12 would result in a cost avoidance exceeding \$100,000 per year.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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